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# The Panther

April 26, 1996

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## Springfest 1996.... A review

By Zharmer Hardimon  
Panther Staff

One of the most anticipated events of the spring semester, the annual Spring fest celebration, which was held on April 8-13, did not meet up to students' expectations due to lack of funds and a display of ignorance.

In past years, the spring fest celebration has consisted of many activities throughout the week including comedy shows with comedians Kim Coles and Tommy Davidson and concerts with performances by Aaron Hall and Zhane. Unfortunately, Springfest '96 lacked comedy shows, concerts, and activities that appealed to the student body.

"There weren't many

activities that sparked the interest of PV students to support the annual springfest", said senior radio television major Jillian McKeever.

The theme of this year's Springfest was "What Goes Around; Comes Around", but the question among many Prairie View students is "What came around?"

"Springfest has gotten progressively worse. I don't understand how Student Activities can expect us to settle for the mediocre job their doing with providing us with entertainment. It's obvious they are not in touch with what the students consider entertainment", said senior biology major Vincente Haynes.

Senior elementary education major Catina Standley said, "This year's springfest was extremely

boring. Next year, Student Activities should prepare to budget in advance instead of waiting until the last minute and throwing something together."

Interim Associate Director of Student Activities, Brian Dickens, admits that limited funds was the primary reason Springfest lacked activities such as concerts and comedy shows but believes the week was a success considering the resources available.

"Funds were exhausted in the use of operating expenses, therefore, there was very little money to work with, but we tried to create events enjoyable and also inexpensive to students," said Dickens.

An international student celebration was held on Monday and a faculty-student basketball game was

held Tuesday. On Wednesday, a free movie marathon was held in Hobart Taylor. Thursday included a picnic sponsored by Marriot, a talent/fashion show and a party in the dome. Epsilon Gamma Iota, Gamma Sigma Sigma and Rho Chi Psi were the only organizations to participate in the "Stepping for a Cause" exhibition on Friday. The pajama jam scheduled for Saturday was abruptly canceled after three different fights broke out at the party Friday night. The week s ended with a gospel explosion held Sunday in the All-Faiths Chapel.

According to Dickens, "It was my decision to cancel the pajama jam when one of the workers at the doors suffered injuries to the head, nose, and face due to excessive fighting."

Freshmen psychology major DaNiece Simpson said, "I anticipated

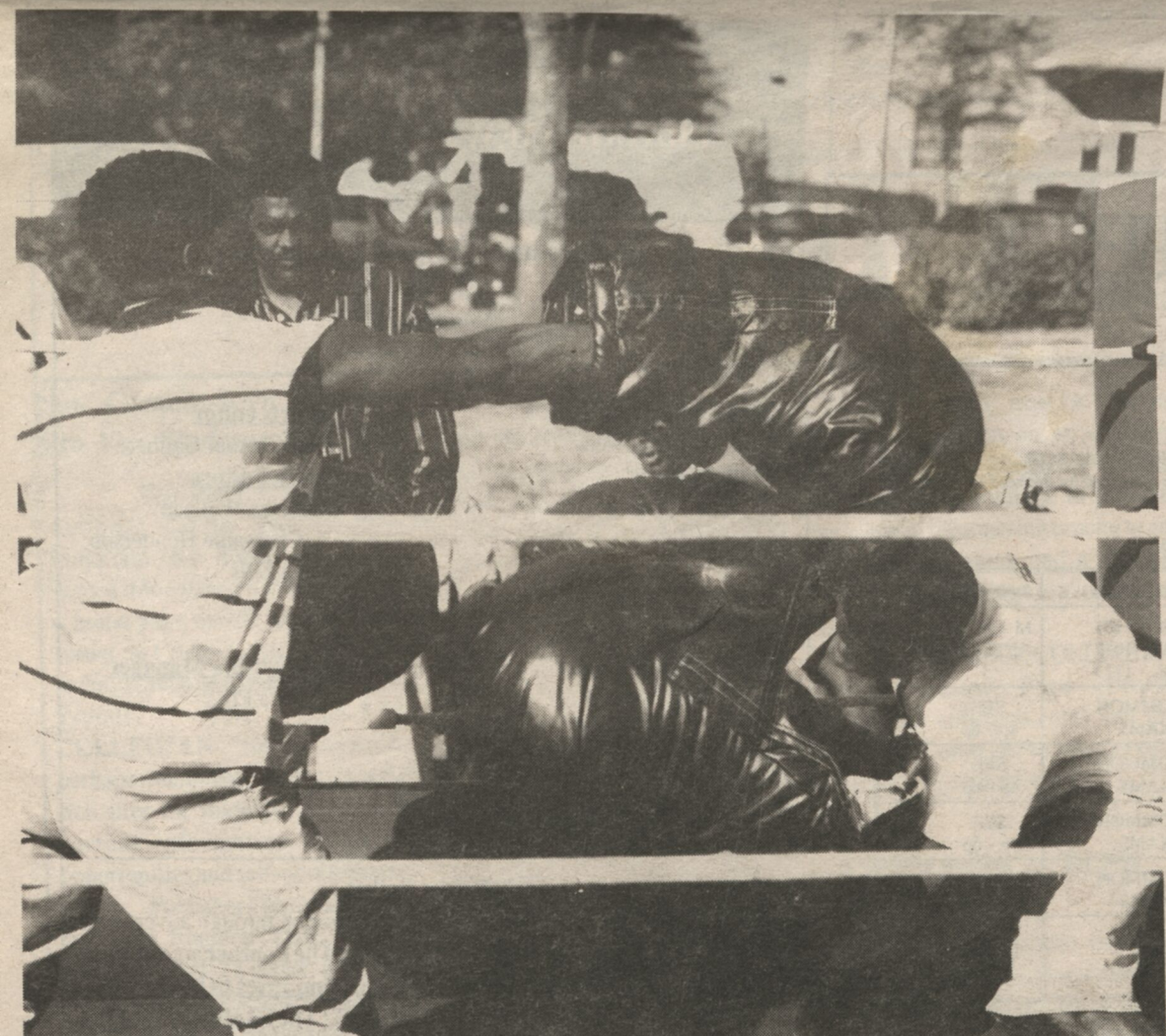
Springfest being better than Homecoming. I was really disappointed when the ignorance of others caused the highlight of Springfest, the pajama jam, to be cancelled."

"There needs to be more thought and effort put forth by the people responsible for bringing us Springfest. It seems as if they just throw anything together and the result is a tired week", said sophomore biology major Razak Balolgun.

Students can expect next year's Springfest to be a lot more entertaining. Plans are in effect to present the student body with an unforgettable Springfest 97.

"I have great expectations for next year's Springfest and I will do everything in my power to facilitate a Springfest enjoyable to the students" said Dickens.

## INSIDE: Photo-memories of Spring '96



by Gitonga M'mbijewe

Students participating in fun day held on PV's campus. See pages 8-9 for Spring semester recap

## Cheryl McNair mistreated by 'white' media

By LORI WILLIAMS  
Panther staff

Exactly 10 years ago, this past January, Cheryl McNair's life changed in a matter of seconds.

While she and other spouses of the astronauts watched in horror, the space shuttle Challenger exploded.

Ronald McNair along with six other astronauts lost their lives when the Challenger exploded shortly after lift-off.

Since that time, McNair has worked along with the other spouses to set up Challenger Exhibits across the nation to ensure the sacrifice their spouses made to the exploration of space

will never be forgotten.

Aside from her work with the exhibit, McNair spends her time raising her two children.

Although she has handled her loss in a very positive manner, there is one problem she says she can't seem to overcome. That is the exclusion of her story by the "white" media--an exclusion she has, over the years, come to see as deliberate.

"I had often dealt with the media before, but my dealings with the media became very different after the Challenger explosion. The questions [the media asked] were not very pleasant or

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# Briefly

## Complete Your Financial Aid Forms Now

The U.S. Department of Education recently issued an announcement that the furloughs of federal employees caused a serious delay in testing a new financial aid computer system which nearly brought financial aid form processing to a halt. Next fall, the early birds, students who submitted their Financial Aid applications and supporting documentation before summer, and those students who are able to pay out of pocket will likely be the only students attending college. Financial aid counselors are available to assist students. The Financial Aid Office will accept late applications until May 1.

## Commencement Rehearsal and Ceremonies

Commencement rehearsal will be Saturday, May 4, at 8:30 a.m. at the William "Billy" Nicks, Sr. Health and Physical Education Building. Commencement ceremonies will be held Saturday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m. The speaker for the event will be Wilhemina Fitzgerald Delco, Education Consultant and Adjunct Professor at the University of Texas at Austin. Candidates for graduation should report at 9:30 a.m. on Sat. May 11.

## Eye Allergy Hotline

Are you plagued by itchy, watery eyes every pollen season, but just don't know how to relive your misery? Well, you don't need to suffer anymore... help is just a phone call away. CIBA Visions Ophthalmics (CVO) has established a toll-free allergy hotline to provide suffers of seasonal allergic conjunctivitis (SAC); also known as "hay fever of the eyes", with tips and medical advice.

SAC suffers can call 1-800-553-3101 to request a copy of "The Eyes Have It: Relieving Eye Allergies" brochure for information on SAC and tips on how to alleviate its symptoms. Callers can also get specific medical questions answered by CVO's Medical Affairs department. The SAC hotline will be in operation from Wednesday, March 27 through Saturday, August 31.

## FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE SPRING 1996 SEMESTER

### Special Exceptions to Exam Schedule Final Exam Week:

1. All NROTC and AROTC examinations will be scheduled by the professors of NROTC and AROTC during this period.
2. All HEALTH AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE practice examinations will be scheduled by the head of the Physical Education department during this same period.

### TIMES FOR SECTION EXAMINATIONS

Exam Week	8:00-10:00a	10:30-12:30p	1:30-3:30p	4:00-6:00p	7:00-9:00p
Friday May 3, 1996	M - W - F 8:00	M - W - F 11:00	M - W - F 2:00	ENGL - 1101 ENGL - 1012 ENGL - 1123	M - W - F AFTER 5:00p
Monday, May 6, 1996	T - TH 8:00	T - TH 11:00	T - TH 2:00	COMMON EXAMS	SEE 4p - 6p
Tuesday, May 7, 1996	M - W - F 9:00	M - W - F 12:00	M - W - F 3:00	COMMON EXAMS	SEE 4p - 6p
Wednesday, May 8, 1996	T - TH 9:30	T - TH 12:30	T - TH 3:30	COMMON EXAMS	SEE 4p - 6p
Thursday, May 9, 1996	M - W - F 10:00	M - W - F 1:00	T-TH 5:00 M-W-F 4:00	COMMON EXAMS	COMMON EXAMS
Friday, May 10, 1996	Make up Common Exam Conflicts	Make up Common Exam Conflicts	Make up Common Exam Conflicts	OPEN	OPEN

- NOTE:
1. Examinations for Graduate classes are Scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 1996 or evening classes during regular class period of exam week; others are according to grid.
  2. If there is a conflict between scheduled common exam and a time-scheduled exam, the student will be expected to work with the common exam instructor to schedule a make-up exam.

# Health News

## Scientist studying long-term HIV survival

Scientists are increasing aware of an unexplained phenomenon; why some HIV-positive people do not appear to develop AIDS. With a four-year, \$580,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Dorothy Lewis of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston is studying why CD28 molecules remain intact in HIV-positive people who are free of AIDS symptoms.

She theories that the loss of CD28 molecules affects the function of important immune-system cells called CD8s. Lewis has observed that long-term HIV survivors tend to have higher levels of CD8 cells than do HIV-positive people who become ill.

She is studying three groups: people who have recently become HIV-positive, "non-progressing" HIV-positive people and HIV-positive people who have become ill.

## Study will focus on girls

Pinpointing peak periods of calcium absorption during childhood adolescence may help young girls builds stronger bones.

Most of an adult's skeleton is built and enlarged during childhood and adolescence, so getting enough calcium at the right is important," said Dr. Steven Abrams at the USDA's Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Abrams has launched a five-year study to identify critical periods of bone development by determining the effect of puberty on calcium absorption and bone formation. He will follow 60 black, white and Hispanic girls as they age from 7 to 12.

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# Department News

## Communications Department Seminar

The Communication Department will be hosting its monthly seminar on Monday, April 29 at 4:00 p.m. in the Public Events room (rm. 108) of the John B. Coleman Library.

This month's guest speaker will be Dr. Rick Rigsby, Speech Communication Professor at Texas A&M University. Professionally, Dr. Rigsby is known for his publications and interest in the media as well as Civil Rights rhetoric. On the A&M campus, he is known for his rapport with students and the enthusiasm with which he directs his classes.

All are encouraged to join the Communications faculty and students at the Communications Seminar as we welcome Dr. Rigsby.

For more information, contact Wendy Burch at 857-2229.

## World Class Goat BBQ Contest Set

On May 3 and 4 the International Dairy Goat Research Center (in the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences) will present its first "World Class Goat BBQ Goat Contest." As part of the 13th Annual Goat Field Day, the event is sponsored by the International Dairy Goat Research Center, the Cooperative Agricultural Research Center and the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences. In order to qualify for the event, Dr. Louis Nuti, research scientist within the Cooperative Agriculture Research Center, says cooks must be present by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 3. Individual meats will be evaluated on Saturday morning, May 4, at 9 a.m. Winning entries will be announced at the BBQ Luncheon, Saturday, May 4.

*The Panther*, staff regrets to inform student faculty and staff of the death of Mr.

Robbie Jackson Sr., father of Mr. Frank Jackson, director of Student Initiatives and Development and father-in-law of Mrs. Vanessa Williams-Jackson, senior Secretary of the Department of Communication.

Mr. Robbie Jackson Sr., passed on Wednesday, April 10, 1996. Funeral services were held, Monday, April 15, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. Condolences may be sent to:

The Family of the Late Mr. Robbie Jackson, Sr.  
c/o Antioch Baptist Church  
125 West Newton St.  
Luling, Texas 78648

or

Mr. & Mrs. Frank D. Jackson  
P.O. Box 475  
Prairie View, Texas 77446

## Infomercials and You

Most Texans have seen infomercials, TV programs that look like game shows or documentaries but are actually 30-minute commercials. Though the TV directory says "paid programming" confusion is possible because there is no law requiring advertisers to screen a disclaimer.

Infomercials have changed a lot recently. No longer do you see an exclusive line-up of miracle cures, exercise and weight-loss gimmicks, or guaranteed cures for baldness. As more respected advertisers enter the arena, fewer companies make extravagant or fraudulent claims, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

But there are some things we should all be aware of. That is why the Office of the Attorney General have put together the following tips.

**Smart Shopping:** Television allows manufacturers and sellers to reach large markets that might not otherwise have a chance to but their product. That's all to the good. But when a product is advertised only on TV, you have the opportunity to see, touch, or feel the product they are buying. You simply cannot do comparison shopping if you first have to buy a product to see it.

**Things to watch for:** When you make a purchase through a TV or ad or infomercial, you should exercise all the same cautions that apply to purchases from other sources. Never buy an investment or health-related product or service based solely on information you have gotten from a single source.

**Your Rights when you shop by TV:** Find out the terms of the return policy. Can you return the merchandise or cancel the service if you are dissatisfied? Is there a restocking fee or time limit? Who is responsible for paying to ship the item back?

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# Beyond The Hill

## New Content-Rich Internet Site For Students Of Color

The Black Collegian, the national career opportunities magazine for Black collegians, leaped into cyberspace recently with a home page on the Internet and a forum on CompuServe. According to the national newsletter, Collegiate Trends, THE BLACK COLLEGIAN "has assembled perhaps one of the leading content-rich sites for students" in terms of current information on career opportunities and self-development.

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The BLACK COLLEGIAN Internet Home Page (<http://www.black-collegian.com>) and the forum on CompuServe (go colven) are available immediately.

## Atlanta police vs. BCSB

According to a memo from the Atlanta Police Department, Chief of Police Beverly J. Harvard would like to create and maintain safe atmospheres for visitors during Black College Spring Break (BCSB), more

commonly known as Freaknik.

In the memorandum, Harvards says she is addressing the university presidents and editors of the campus newspapers so that they may contact students personally "Because of the construction on interstates and city streets in preparation for the 1996 Olympic games and the infrastructure condition transportation system, MARTA.

Harvard says if students choose to bring BCSB back to Atlanta this year, they should be forewarned that all State Traffic and City Ordinances will be strictly enforced. "Those persons who choose to engage in the lewd dancing, public consumption of alcoholic beverages, possessing open alcoholic containers in vehicles, improper riding on the tops of vehicles, and hindrance of the free flow of traffic will be

arrested and the vehicles will be impounded."

## Ulcers in Children

Like adults, children can get ulcers. "Children can get ulcers from infection with bacterium *Helicobacter pylori*, from reactions to certain drugs or from stress due to serious injury, infection or disease," said Dr. Mark Gilger, a pediatric gastroenterologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Because children aren't good at pointing to the location of pain, Gilger recommends that parents look for symptoms such as: abdominal pain that has occurred at least three times in three months, awakening at night due to abdominal pain, and recurrent vomiting or vomiting with blood.



# Newsweek

## CHISPAS--an organization striving to become more

Coalition for Hispanic American Students (CHISPAS) is an organization set up by students for the purpose of furthering educational opportunities for "at-risk" groups. Since its inception, the organization has experienced slow but progressive acceptance university-wide.

The organization has been on campus since the summer of 1988, and has made tremendous strides toward fulfillment of its goal.

One goal is to continually strive to meet and include cultural and social awareness for the students, and university service such as acquisition of a variety of novels, books, and research materials for the library.

Another very important goal is to continue the recruitment and retention of Latino students, faculty and staff.

For this reason, CHISPAS has set up a scholarship fund, which is

offered to needy students in the hope that they will prolong their education.

To date, the organization has offered four scholarships, and has hopes of offering more as the funds increase.

As a minority group member, the Latino student on the Prairie View A&M University campus, often feels socially isolated.

For this reason, it promotes activities, socials, and conferences targeting these students and other interested parties.

CHISPAS continues to strive for excellence.

The doors of the group are open university wide, and it has a diversity of members. The members not only include the students, but also faculty, staff, and graduate students.

For more information, contact CHISPAS at 857-2018 in care of Dr. Antonio Gonzales.

## Clinton advisor tells PV honors students 'You are indeed our hope for the future'

While prodding students increasingly to reach for excellence in education, Dr. Huel D. Perkins, recently appointed by President Clinton to the Board of Advisors for the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Program, spoke to the two thousand honorees of the Prairie View A&M University Honors Convocation, Friday. Perkins complimented the students for their achievement while explaining, "You are indeed our hope for the future!"

Dr. Perkins told the students, "...as today's scholars, as honor students, you must strive to say something new. There is no progress without ideas. There are no ideas without bright minds to generate them. I ask you today to go one



Dr. Huel D. Perkins

step further and think of what contribution you might leave to civilization." He further said, "There are a number of fronts where we might find something new to say. I challenge you to attempt such!"

The presidential advisor has written three books, authored over seventy-five articles and book reviews and has had one of his speeches formally entered into the Congressional Record. He has served on the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for the State of Louisiana having been appointed by Gov. Buddy Roamer.

He also was honored by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities as 1988 Humanist of the Year.

Over the years, he has worked at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri and at

Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he served as Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities at Louisiana State University. In 1989, he retired and was named "Professor Emeritus of Humanities". Shortly following retirement from LSU, Dr. Perkins was asked to return to the university as Executive Assistant to the Chancellor. Prior to becoming a faculty member at LSU, the noted author and scholar served as Deputy Director of Education Programs with the National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C.

Recent awards include the Brotherhood Award given by the National Conference of Christians and Jews; the Educator of the Year Award given by the LSU Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa; the Friend of Education Award provided by the Louisiana Chapter of the American Federation of Teachers. Also, he has received the Volunteer Activist Award by the Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundation; the Humanitarian Award from the Baton Rouge Human Relations Council; and the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing Foundation. Additionally, a doctoral fellowship program at Louisiana State University has been named in his honor.

As he finished his key note address to the PVAMU Honors Convocation, Dr. Perkins reminded the 2,000 honorees, "For the remainder of your life, because you were honored here today, say to yourself that I will be the very best that I can be in anything that I undertake. Say to yourself that I do have a responsibility to myself and to civilization to live up to this promise of today." And finally, "Say to yourself that I have been given a mind-and by God, I am going to use it. I am not going to let it idle itself away. I will make a difference in this world because I have been honored here today!"

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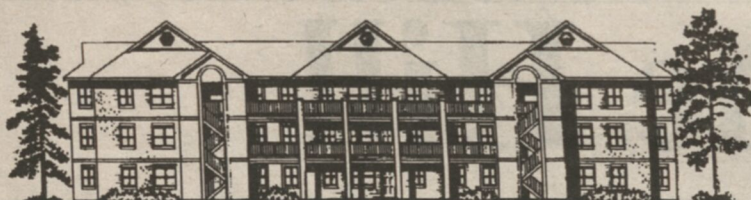
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**The Ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. would like to thank the women of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for exhibiting true Greek sisterhood towards the Spring '96 line.**  
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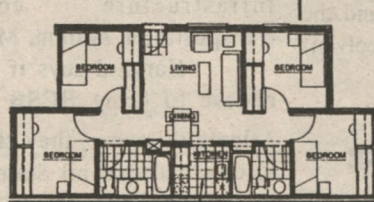
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## UNIVERSITY VILLAGE



## Johnson wins Ledbetter scholarship

### PRESS RELEASE

Umeka Johnson has given new life to the idea that education pays. Umeka has been awarded \$1,000 as the winner of the 2nd Annual "Frankie B. Ledbetter Scholarship." The scholarship will provide \$1,000 toward the cost of tuition at Prairie View A&M University.

Johnson is a PVAMU graduating senior, majoring in English and minoring in sociology. The 22-year-old native of Jasper is currently working toward the completion of teacher certification in secondary education. Umeka also has been the recipient of a four-year "distinguished Achievement Scholarship" to PVAMU. The second semester senior plans to attend Brown University where she hopes to pursue a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT).

During her years at PVAMU, Johnson has been active on campus serving as master of ceremonies for the Queen's Ball honoring Miss PV and has been nominated for Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities. She is a member of the Sociology/Social Work Club, serving as secretary during the 1993-1994 school year. Also, she has helped in the editing of the Panther newspaper.

The Frankie B. Ledbetter Scholarship is funded by Attorney Beverly Ledbetter in honor of her mother. Frankie B. Ledbetter is a retired professor of English who began teaching at PVAMU in 1952. She received her bachelor's degree from Bishop College and her master's from the University of Colorado. Currently, Ledbetter is the municipal court judge for the City of Prairie View. Her daughter is vice-president and general counsel at Brown University, Providence, R.I.

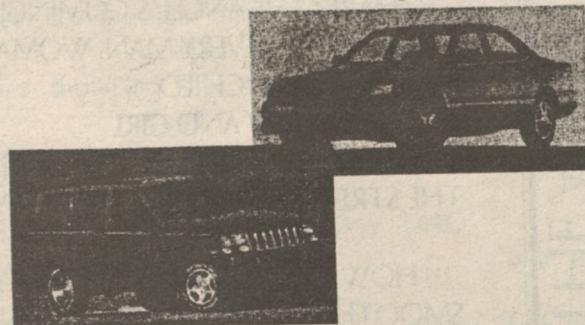


Association for Childhood Education International from L to R: Dr. Ollie J. Davis, Advisor, Daphne Simmons, Yalisha Reed (MissACEI), Josalynn Freeman (President), Leslie Ferdon (front), Elizabeth Warren, Kim E. Lee, Stephanie McNeil, and Dr. Martha L. Bailey, Advisor.

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## PVAMU Spanish students to study in Mexico

The Department of English and Foreign Languages of Prairie View A&M University is presenting a Spanish Language and Culture program in Cuernavaca, Mexico in May. All students who have taken at least two semesters of Spanish and are over 18 years of age may participate. Applicants should attend all orientation and preliminary meetings on campus and have a complete application package. Eligible applicants for the programs will be placed on a first-come first-served basis. Maximum enrollment is 25 students.

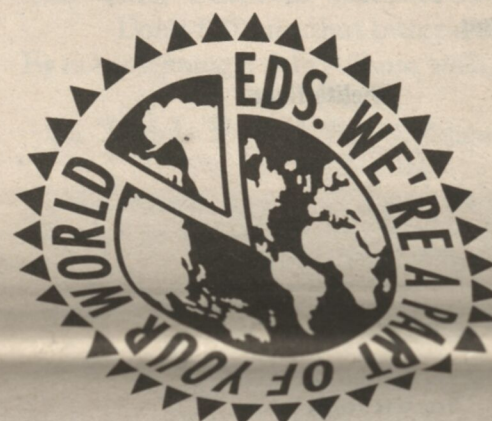
According to a brochure, an important part of the students' experience is living with a Mexican

family. This provides real-life situations, not only in the language, but in the culture as well.

Falanda Limar, a senior biology major, went on the trip during the summer of 1995. "I thoroughly enjoyed the experience," said Limar. "I stayed with a nice family. The classes were wonderful. You could do nothing but speak in Spanish." Limar says there were two students to a home.

The cost of the trip is \$1,367 for a plan B program, which includes a shared room and bath, and \$1,521 for a plan A program, which includes a private room and semi-private bath. The price includes round-trip fare,

airport taxes, room and board (3 meals daily) while in Cuernavaca, registration and tuition at the Spanish Language Center. The program is affiliated to the Spanish Language Institute Center for Latin American Studies. The program is designed to provide its students with the ideal learning environment conducive to thinking, writing and speaking naturally in Spanish within the context of real-life situations. A functional program based on the natural approach to language acquisition will encourage students to develop their Spanish language skills and to discover the Mexican culture as they experience life in Spanish. **See SPANISH on page 14**



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## " Dear Moma "

The days are short  
The nights are few  
It didn't take a genius  
To know I loved you

The memories we shared  
Are like a souvenir  
Oh how I wish my  
Mother was here

Winter, Spring, Summer, or  
Fall  
There will never be another  
Who was my all

So for now and forever more  
I'll try to make your dreams  
come true;  
Cause one day soon I'll soon  
be with you.

Shelita Bean

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I don't know why this hurts so much  
I thought I was invincible  
So different than everyone else  
But I was wrong  
I don't know why I believed  
It has always been said "Fools rush in"  
I played the fool well  
When I met you, wall fell  
And so did I  
A state of wonderment  
Pure elation  
Nothing is more precious  
I don't know why you hurt me  
When you said you wouldn't  
You lied  
"You don't deserve me," I told myself  
I was right  
But I can't help telling myself that I deserve you  
I don't know why love songs are the killers  
You don't even notice them until they become  
significant  
I'm still in love with you, I thought you were  
In love with me  
I was stupidly blind to love  
I simply do not know why

Anonymous

On and On  
(A Poem about Lupus)

In a word  
it was said,  
silence followed  
All in my head.

Thoughts of what  
and how  
followed soon.  
For the first time  
scared of change.

Bottles with big names  
became a part of me.  
I must remember  
to hide from the sun.

Mirrors are my enemy.  
people notice too.  
Both talk back.  
Just walk by.

I hold my head  
as best I can  
and go on.  
An on, I go,  
as I can only go,  
on and on.

by Jamila Anderson

## God's Creation

As I stepped outside  
A warm comforting  
feeling soothed my soul  
As the sun beamed  
across my face  
I knew that it was God  
that created this place  
The birds, the trees,  
The grass, the breeze  
God created it all,  
everything from the great  
to the small.

I'm telling you what I see  
and what I feel  
As I take this journey  
through life to do God's  
will.

The will not to settle for  
less  
To take care of my  
business and let God do  
the rest.

This walk opens my  
horizons to how  
wonderful life can be  
If I only take the time to  
open my eyes and see.

By Holly Barnett

## THE ANGEL'S COMING

HARK! THE ANGEL'S COMING!  
RIDING ON ITS RED HORSE  
DOWN FROM THE SKY ON A BIG  
BLACK CLOUD DRIPPING WITH BLOOD.  
TAKING AWAY ALL THE TRUST  
BETWEEN  
FRIENDS AND LOVE IN FAMILIES.  
TAKING AWAY ALL THE  
CONTENTMENT  
IN HOPE THAT ANYONE MIGHT HAVE  
TAKING AWAY PEACE AND EVEN  
YOUR STRONGEST FAITH.  
HARK! THE ANGEL'S COMING!  
DEVOURING EVERY MAN, WOMAN,  
CHILD  
BOY AND GIRL.  
AS THE THIRSTY BLOOD RUNS WITHIN  
THE STREETS, HOW FRESHLY CAN YOU  
WALK...  
HOW COOLLY CAN YOU TALK?  
SMOOTHLY, AS SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE.  
HARK! THE ANGEL'S COMING!  
SOON

BY TOBBIE

I know Me, I feel Me, I touch Me

I feel like, but you feel like  
There is no need to know  
You are in love  
I want to get next to you but  
I know I'm living a fool's fantasy  
because as much as I try to pretend I know that you aren't really me  
I would want the highest mountain, and let my heart tell the world how much I  
love you.  
I'm not getting any younger therefore I'm tired of games.  
I need you in my life but you only know my name.  
You are constantly on my mind and I'm slowly going insane.  
No one else will ever cause I need you to ease my pain... so  
know me, feel me, touch me  
I'd like to feel the sun each morning, know what you are doing it's you I'm  
holding.  
I'd like to know the taste of honey but you won't let me touch your lips.  
I'd like to know the feel of cotton, but you won't let me caress your hips.  
I'd like to know the warmth of love but you refuse to give me the key to your  
heart.  
I'd like to have some stability in my life because without you my life will surely  
fall apart  
so know me, feel me, touch me  
I'm silent right I've waited so long to hold you tight to kiss you my precious  
one.  
to hold you close and your tears are easy you weep but first I must be given a  
chance  
and through understanding I know that we can make it last  
so know me, feel me, touch me

Le La Yette



## If Only It Would Rain

If Only It Would Rain  
 Then Maybe No One Can See  
 These Silent Tears That I Hide  
 As I Look Up To The Heavens Above  
 To Ask You To Come Back To My Side.  
 If Only It Would Rain  
 Then Maybe You Won't Ever See The  
 Pain That I Feel,  
 Because Inside This Broken Heart Of  
 Mine  
 My Love For You Is So Real.  
 If Only It Would Rain  
 Then Maybe These Memories Of You  
 Will Pass Away  
 But I Know In My Heart That They  
 Won't  
 Because I've Always Been Enticed By  
 The Words That You Say.

Melvin Douglas McClain Jr.

## Tears of Happiness

I  
 Farmers are happily plowing their fields,  
 And the rivers are flowing through the  
 hills.  
 Young lovers embrace each other for  
 warmth,  
 And everyone is at peace around the  
 earth.  
 Bells are ringing and birds are resting,  
 While they give birth to young in their  
 nestings.  
 The hard paved streets, that are usually  
 mean,  
 Receive the long awaited washing and are  
 finally clean.  
 The trees in the park restart their heart-  
 beats  
 That was dwindling fast because of the  
 heat.  
 The flowers in the garden receive their  
 hue  
 That the bridesmaids use when they hear,  
 "I do".  
 And with all these things the world is right  
 And leaders of nations can have a restful night.  
 Scientists wonder if this peace will end,  
 And study what causes such Tears Of Happiness.

II  
 Farmers are worried for their drying fields  
 are dry  
 And the rivers can't flow without help from  
 the sky.  
 Young lovers argue and bloodstain the dirt,  
 And everyone is warring around the earth.  
 Bells are silent and birds fly in packs,  
 Looking for baby eaters for whom they can  
 attack.  
 The once clean streets are once again  
 mean  
 And a drunkard has destroyed a mother's  
 dream.  
 The trees' leaves in the park are turning  
 yellow  
 And lumberjacks hack at weeping willows.  
 The flowers in the garden have passed  
 their dues  
 And the bridesmaid is caught indulging the  
 groom.  
 And with all these things, there comes  
 night  
 And the world leaders have failed to do  
 what's right;  
 Which is workout their differences without  
 a war.  
 For all peace has ended - It rains no more.

by Aaron Jermaine Griffen

3 Times A Lady  
(an ode to the ladies of TLC)

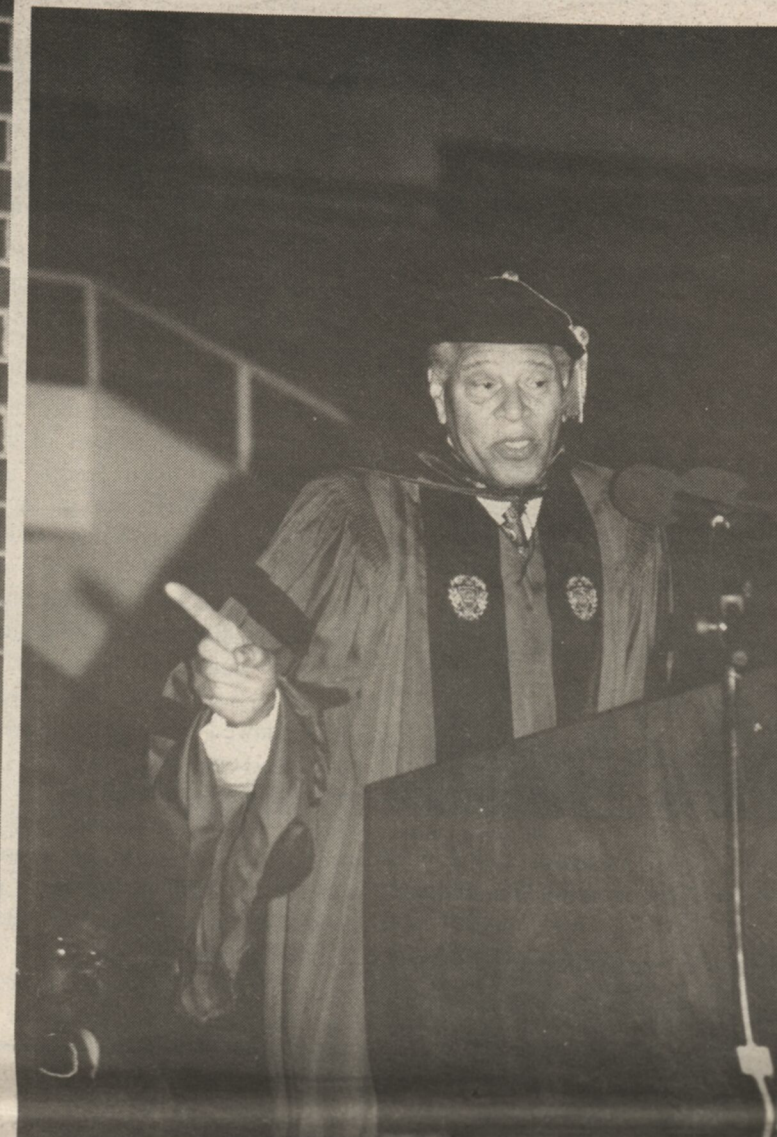
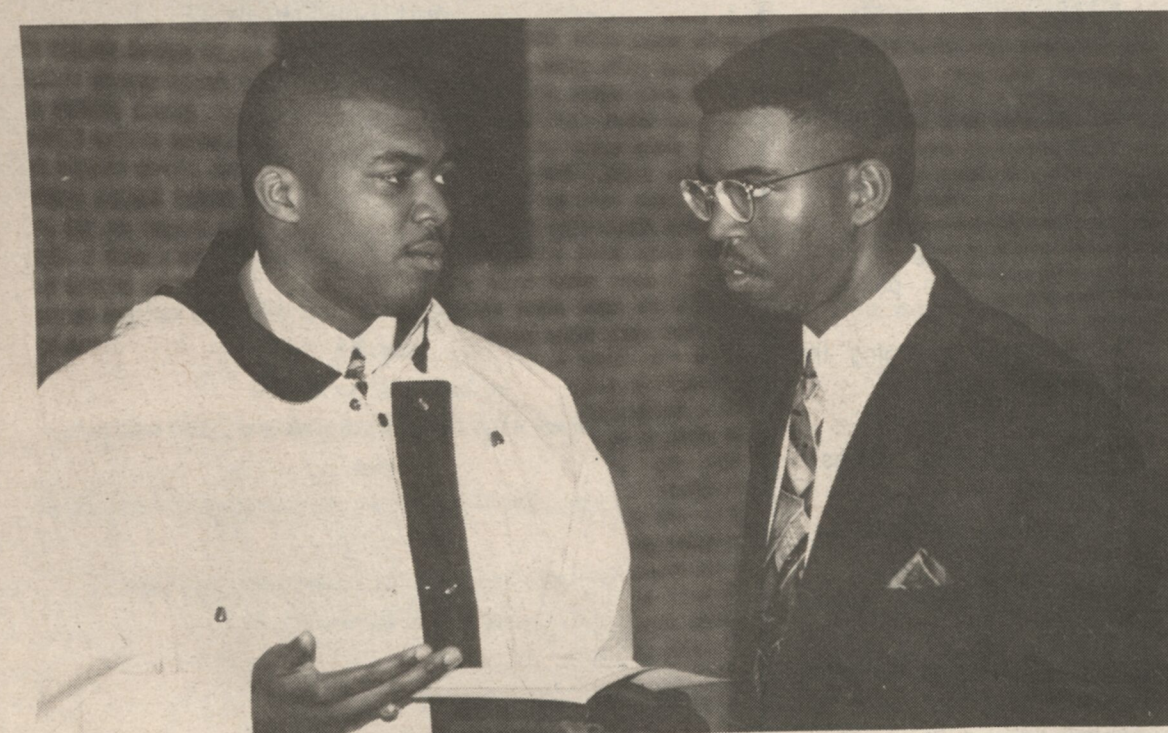
This Is How It Should Be Done,  
 First you weren't (Ain't) 2 Friends 2 Beg  
 Then I found out Cas La Way We Like Em  
 Because when you sang What About Your  
 Friends  
 It proved to me that I can be Bad By Myself  
 And also Depend On Myself  
 So when I started Ligg'n On You  
 I wanted to Shock Lat Monkey with my Hat 2  
 La Back  
 Because I found a Case Of The Fake People  
 But I had TLC to be My Baky, Baky, Baky  
 If there is Smethin' Ycu Wanna Know  
 I love TLC INFINITELY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
 So, stay strong because Haters will always believe  
 the media or His Story  
 And when Sumthin' Wicked This Way Comes  
 Don't fall into that bitter deep sleep  
 By not releasing a third album with a tight jam like  
 Creep  
 So This Is How It Works, when you chase a  
 Waterfall  
 Me, Myself, and I will not be bad for you at all  
 I want us to Take Our Time and on me you can  
 Kick Your Game  
 Oooooohhh on the TLC Tip is where I plan to aim  
 Cause All I Want For Christmas is to be fitted  
 in your schedule  
 Get It Up, whip that thang on y'all, and go down  
 south in our Red Light Special  
 See, If I Was Your Girlfriend,  
 T-Boz, Lefteye, and Chili would Switch and love  
 me 'til the end  
 A Very Merry Christmas I would have in a  
 CrazySexyCool way  
 After meeting TLC; money, luxury, clothes, and  
 cars couldn't pay  
 So Let's Do It Again in a very slow play  
 Sorry I haven't written other times in a very  
 special way  
 I have to express myself when my mind is ready  
 to flow  
 And then I throw  
 It's my own sense of time  
 But, now it feels right to write a rhyme  
 To show how long (from 1992 on The Box) TLC  
 has been on my mind

Carl Mason





Upper left: PV students Sonia and Jasmine parlaying in the engineering building.  
 Middle left: Mr. PV 1995-1996 Donald Jennings with Mr. PV 1996-1997 Lawrence Warren and his court.  
 Bottom left: SGA president Darius Starr with radio personality Kenyetta Simmons.



Above: Wilhemina Delco at dedication ceremonies in her honor. Right: Dr. Huel D. Perkins motivates PV students to continue to excel at Honors Convocation.  
 Below: Mary Nan West, TAMU chair at ceremonies for University Village.



Top right: Detroit natives Lucky and Sam seen here rapping at the 1996 Springfest talent show.  
 Middle right: Danielle White waving to the crowd after being crowned Miss PV 1996-1997.  
 Bottom left: Man shooting the gun to start the races for the Annual PV Relays.  
 Below: African choir singing for PV audience.



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# Lifestyles

## 27th Annual Image Awards responds to Oscar blackout

### Press Release

The NAACP 27th Image Awards, a sold-out, star-studded fundraising gala event will air Tuesday, April 23 at 8:00 p.m. on FOX.

In response to the Oscar "black-out", NAACP leaders are calling for a nationwide Tune-In to the Image Awards for Americans of all races to protest institutional racism in Hollywood. Watching the NAACP Image Awards on Tuesday, April 23, at 8:00 p.m. on FOX as a proactive civil rights response is a rare opportunity to demonstrate the solution, encouraging the nation to recognize the contribution of African-Americans in the entertainment industry.

NAACP President and CEO Kweisi Mfume offers a challenge to the film and television industry. "Behind Hollywood's glamour, glitz and fantasy, there must also be opportunity for inclusion of people of



by Fitzroy Barrett  
The NAACP 27th Image Awards, was a sold out, star studded fundraising gala. Pictured here Aresenio Hall and Hall of Fame inductee Richard Pryor.

imagination nor creativity to see beyond color and ethnicity in hiring, casting and providing real management opportunity."

"It is beyond coincidence that so few African American men and women are voting members of the Academy and even fewer are nominees. Worst yet is their representation in the Writers Guild and Directors Guild."

Mfume went on to say that, "The good will of many well-meaning men and women in the film and television industry are often overshadowed by the institutional racism that continues to evidence itself through instance such as this."

Family and friends coming together to watch the Image Awards will greatly heighten awareness of talented minorities who are too often taken for granted.

NAACP Image Awards Chairman Joe Madison would like to

take action in the coming year. "What is taking place in Hollywood we have evaluated as benign neglect at best, and institutional racism at worst. The NAACP leadership is prepared to work with the entertainment industry and help them begin develop an understanding of the problem as we perceive it, and the need for inclusion in the decision-making process."

"The Image Awards broadcast and the tune-in of viewers will show the world what the Academy failed to see: there are hundreds of talented African-Americans in the motion picture industry and millions of people at home who are willing to support them."

Hamilton Cloud, Executive Producer of the NAACP Image Awards presentation for the ninth year states, "1996 marks the 27th year that the NAACP Image Awards will be presented and the ninth year it will be televised. "How many times do we

have to show Hollywood what we do in order for them to see us? The fact that the Motion Picture Academy only found one African American worthy of nomination, when the NAACP has over 200 nominees as well as an ethnically diverse staff of dedicated professionals who represent a broad spectrum of America producing the Image Awards." Cloud concludes.

The 27th NAACP Image Awards presentation was taped April 6 at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium. It is hoped that the April 23 tune-in and protest by Americans who believe in civil rights and want to demonstrate their beliefs will be felt in every corner of the nation.

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# Many students opting for non-greek organizations

By LaDawn Hymes  
Panther Staff

Prairie View A&M University is a very diverse campus that has many organizations, Greek and Non-Greek. Non-Greek organization are rapidly making their name known. Moving even faster are the Non-Greek sororities. The mother of the Non-Greek organizations is the Council of Student Organization (CSO). Being one of the hardest working councils on campus, CSOs' purpose is to form a closer relationship between all organizations and help form a closer relationship with students

at Prairie View A&M and other Universities. CSO contains 20 Non-Greek organizations, out of the 20 there are six Non-Greek sororities.

Tau Beta Sigma is a Non-Greek organization that believes in Building Better Bands. They promote Student Service and Sisterhood. They have 22 active members on campus in the Epsilon Psi Chapter, which was founded in 1976 since then they have helped make The Marching Storm what it is today.

Alpha Lambda Omega Christian Sorority helps those who want to enhance their walk with the Lord. They are involved in community

service and their motto is "Giving back to Jesus what he gave to us: our lives." With 15 to 20 active members on campus Alpha Lambda Omega encourages all of us spiritually.

Karnation Kourt Incorporated promotes sisterhood and is involved in community service on and off campus. Affiliated with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. they are also known as 'Kappa Sweethearts'. There are 17 active members on campus who are willing to offer mentorship.

The Phyettes, also known as Ladies of Integrity, are a community service organization. With their 13 active members the Phyettes are eager

to promote sisterhood. Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority has the purpose of assembling college and university students in the spirit of service to humanity and to developed friendship among student of all races and creeds. There are currently 32 active members on campus.

Last but not least are the Alpha Angels Incorporated, also known as the Ladies of Distinction. In a course of a year and a semester the accusations of illegal intake kept the Alpha Angels off the yard. During this time the Alpha Angels lost character and would like to make it known that the Alpha Angels are still the young

ladies that they were and always will be. The sorority also known as 'The Ladies of Distinction' developed programs and activities that help develop leadership qualities. The Eta Gamma Chapter of Prairie View A&M founded in 1971 currently has 15 active members on campus. These ladies plan to host seminars in the month of April.

CSO loves all their organizations and would like to invite everyone to the CSO Step Show on April 27 in the BabyDome. This years theme is "Fear Of A Non-Greek Planet." Lets show all organizations some respect and keep up the good work.

## Giplin Players get laughs with "1959 Pink Thunderbird"

BY JAMILA ANDERSON  
Panther Staff

The Charles Gilpin Players' second main production of the semester was a "southern comfort" to the students and community of Prairie View. Directed by Dr. Ted Shine, "1959 Pink Thunderbird" consisted of two one-act plays, both comedies written by James McLure, entitled *Laundry and Bourbon* and *Lone Star*. The two separate plays connected through the relationships of the characters involved - two of the husbands of the characters in *Laundry and Bourbon* are the characters in *Lone Star*!

The Gilpins who appeared in the show are names and faces you know and love: Babatunde Thomas,

Reggie Tolbert, Dane Hereford, Regina Hearne, Joyce Brown, and me, Jamila Anderson. You've seen Thomas' work on stage even when he's not there through his magnificent artwork and scene designing. He is a junior theatre major and plays the character "Roy" in *Lone Star*. Recently, he starred in his own Junior Recital, *The Men of August Wilson*. Tolbert is a freshman and has appeared in several productions this school year including *Walk in Their Shoes*, the *Song and Dance Show*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. Dane Hereford, a native of New York, is known for his dancing feet, especially in the *Song and Dance Show*. You may also remember him as "Off-Broadway Johnnie" in *Walk in Their Shoes - A Courtroom Drama*, or as the "Scarecrow" in *The Wizard of Oz*.

In the cast of *Laundry and*

*Bourbon*, Hearne, a sophomore from Houston, not only studies Theatre, but sings like a bird as well. She left her mark in the 1994 *New Faces Show* when she sang "And I Am Telling You". Joyce Brown, originally from Washington D.C., starred in one of last year's productions directed by Dr. Shine, *Family Portrait*. She also performed in her own Junior Recital this semester and in several other productions this year. Last but not least, myself, Jamila Anderson, winner of the 1996 P.V. Choice Award for Best Actress (boy, was I surprised). I am a junior at Prairie View but a sophomore Theatre Arts major from the city of Minneapolis. I played the role of "Elizabeth" in *Laundry and Bourbon*. The stage manager for the show was Ezekiel Morgan, a junior, who won the 1996 Best Actor P.V. Choice Award. He has appeared as

"the preacher" in the 1995 *New Faces Show*, a character no one could forget. He also played the "Lion" in *The Wizard of Oz*. With a group like that, the show had to be a success!

The show ran last week, April 16-19, 1996 with showtimes at 7pm (April 16) and 7:30 (April 17-19) at the Anne L. Campbell Little Theatre in Hobart Taylor. Tuesday's show was a grand affair with special guests from the President's Office. Special certificates were awarded to thank and honor those staff members.

Keep supporting the award-winning Charles Gilpin Players and witness theatre at it's best! The semester is almost over but our performances are not, so don't miss the *Directing Projects*, April 25 & 16, 1996, and the *Senior Recitals* on April 29, 1996. Both shows are free of charge. See you there!

The Panther encourages comments and suggestions. Call 857-2132 for more information.

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## Horoscopes

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** This month marks the starting point of great things for you. Try not to miss the once in a lifetime chance.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)** Don't take another persons kindness for granted. Sometimes people can be there for you always, but when you really need them their gone.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Test your ability to be yourself and not such a follower. There are enough those in the world, be a leader!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** What that person needs from you is understanding. Try and open up and figure out why you feel the way you do.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** The Gods have given you numerous chances to change your scandalous ways. You have only so many chances left. Take heed.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Be the best, the greatest this week in all that you do. It will be the start of your success in your career.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You keep trying to be something your not. Relax and be you and what people expect you to be.

**PISCES (FEB. 19-MAR. 20)** Oh no! Finals are here and you haven't been to class all semester. Recall your purpose here and where you want to go in life.

**ARIES (Mar 21-April 19)** Check all your records for some extra money, wealth is in your future.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)** Your body lacks the attention it needs. Eat healthy foods that will help your body and your soul.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)** There seems to be a neverending sadness in your life. Don't worry, brighter days are sure to come.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** You must trust in your that what yours will always be.

Taurus



## Alphas helping local children get a 'Headstart'

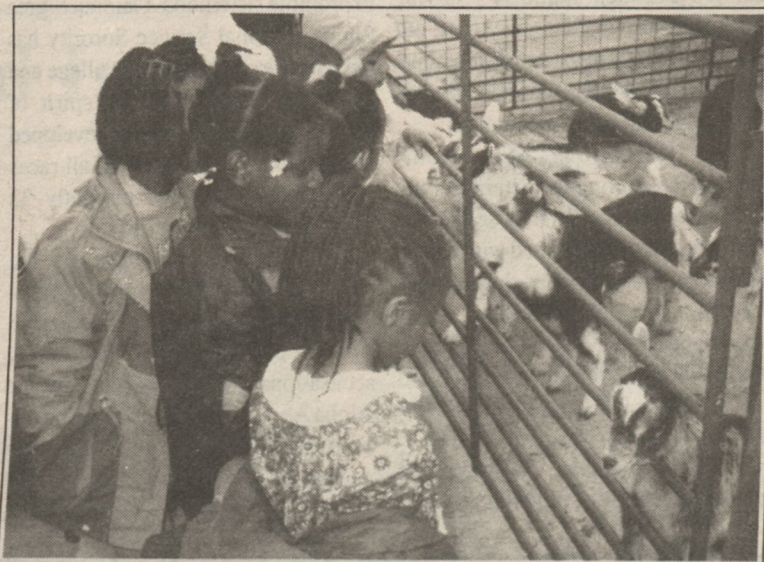
By BURL C. HARRIS  
Managing Editor

The Prairie View A&M University chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity is doing a great service for disadvantaged youth by volunteering with the Headstart program of Hempstead.

Headstart is a federally funded program for 3 and 4-year olds. Motivation, Education, and Training Inc. is the agency that administers the program. Cheryl Travis, coordinator of the Headstart in Hempstead, says the purpose of the program is to prepare the children for their elementary school experience. "We address the needs of the children, not only in a schooling, but physical and mental needs also."

"It makes me feel like we're doing what we're supposed to be doing," said president of the university chapter, Adrian Collins. "We're not just here to step in a party," explained Collins, "but, also to uplift the university."

Kids from head start program seen here at PV's goat farm.



Travis, coordinator of Headstart in Hempstead, also says that the program is very dependent upon volunteers and community service and

thinks that the Alphas are doing a great service for the children. Travis says that many of the children in the program don't have a male role model in the home. "The fact that these educated and successful young men are coming is a great chance for them to receive that opportunity," said Travis.

Collins says that members of the organization visit the children daily and spend between 2 and 3 hours teaching the alphabet or reading stories. Collins believes that mentoring will have a positive impact on the children. "This is important because many kids don't have a male role model in their home. Most of the times teachers are female. Sometimes we're the only male role model they have."

Though Headstart is federally funded, at times the government cannot allocate funding. The organization has done several things to compensate for the lack of funding. The organization has donated software for their computers and bought new books for the children. "The books that they have (were so old) they could practically memorize them," said Collins.

On May 1, members will be taking the children to Oral Ranch, a petting zoo in the Hockley Area. This field trip will give the kids a chance to learn about and interact with many animals. According to Collins, the cost to accommodate 60 children will be \$300.

Collins believes there should be more organizations than just Alpha Phi Alpha who contribute. "Each child will benefit whether (the mentor is) Alpha or not," said Collins.

## Choir prepares to tour

By TIARA M. ELLIS  
Panther Staff

The University Choir will begin a 14-day tour across the nation: Kansas City, Kan.; St. Louis, Mo.; Chicago; Detroit, New York; Washington D.C.; Greensboro, N.C.; Franklin, Tenn.; Oklahoma City, Okla; and the choir will hold its finale in Houston. According to University Choir business manager LaTrevia Herndon, touring and traveling allow alumni to see how the students have changed and what is happening on campus.

In the past, university allocations have helped fund the tour in order to show appreciation for the work of the University Choir. This year, the choir must earn the money needed for the bus and \$325-a-piece for individual expenses. As a university organization, the choir represents Prairie View wherever they sing: convocations, commencements, ceremonies, conferences, at All Faiths Chapel, and local churches are several places where choir members represent PVAMU.

Going door-to-door, holding car washes, talent shows, and

passing around a patron's list are all fund-raisers being attempted by the choir. The annual Spring Tour is May 11-26 which serves as the final benefit of being a part of the University Choir.

"Students have worked extremely hard and this is a way the university and administration are able to show their appreciation for the students' hard work," said Mr. Curtis Powell, University Choir director.

After performances, many alumni approach PV students wanting to learn about the changes made to the university. According to University Choir president, Patrick Wilson being in the University Choir offers students the opportunity to be involved in the public relations that goes along with the work of singing. "It exposes the students to a wide variety of music; from gospel to secular music."

Any donations given to the University Choir for the Spring Tour would be appreciated by the students. For any questions on the University Choir, call Curtis Powell at 857-3390.

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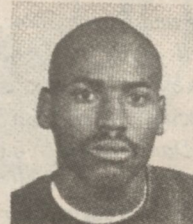
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## Panther Track goes to the Olympic Trials



Dakari Jahi

Panther Track team member Dakari Jahi, a 20-year-old criminal justice major from Lubbock, Texas recently qualified for the US Olympic trials to be held in Atlanta, Ga. with a time 45.4 in the 400 Meters at the Drake Relays in Iowa this week. Jahi also qualified for the NCA 2A Championships to be held in Oregon. Jahi is ranked in the top 15 in the US and number three in Texas.

## Music

10. All of the Things Your Man Won't Do.....Joe
9. Always Be My Baby.....Mariah Carey
8. Crossroads.....Bone Thugs N' Harmony
7. Doin' It.....L.L. Cool J
6. Live and Die For Hip Hop.....Kris Kross
5. 5 O' Clock.....Nonchalant
4. Killing Me Softly.....The Fugees
3. Keep On.....M.C. Lyte (feat. Xscape)
2. I Got You All In Check.....Busta Rhymes
1. You're the One.....SWV



# Sports

## 'Coach of the Year' Jacket inducted into the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Hall of Fame

By KASANA T. REEVES  
Panther Staff

Who could possibly know what it feels like to be "Coach of the Year", to be a coach of elite athletes in the Olympics, or be inducted into seven halls of fame? Prairie View's Barbara Jacket, that's who.

This woman has been making a name for herself since the 1960s, winning top honors nationwide in the sport of track and field.

She was recently inducted into the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Hall of Fame, an act which she is proud to add that to a list of many accomplishments. Jacket believes that each honor she receives takes her a step farther and says that all are equally appreciated.

At the age of 11, competing with college women, she got third place in the baseball throw and the shot put at Prairie View. She says she enjoyed the physical contact of sports, and even played football with the boys.

Softball was another sport Ms. Jacket excelled in. Having fewer role models than young kids today, she mainly looked up to her mother, her coaches, and the older girls on the



Jacket

equality here at Prairie View A&M University. When the women's track team was taken away, Jacket was the match that got the fire started again. By 1966, women at Prairie View were able to compete in track and field once more.

She says coaches and athletes are going to have to continue to better sports by having unity and faith in each other. "Winning feels great," she said, "but you should never put winning before integrity."

softball team.

As an athlete at Tuskegee College, Jacket participated in the long jump, high jump, shot, discus, and the baseball throw. (If you are wondering what a baseball throw is—literally throwing a baseball as far as you can) She was also on the basketball team.

Track and field has changed a bit since this Port Arthur native participated in it.

"Ladies couldn't run more than 400-meters in the past," Jacket said. And during her years at Tuskegee, there was a 200-meter relay—yes, every leg ran 50 meters!

She help to better sports

## Outdoor SWAC championships: Women third, men sixth

By ERIC-CHAMEL GAITHER  
Panther Staff

Yvette French was the leading woman scorer with 39.25 points, to lead the Lady Panthers to a third place finish at Tad Gormley Stadium in New Orleans, during the first ever SWAC sports festival, held April 19-21, 1996.

French won the triple jump (39ft. 1in.), long jump (19ft. 10in.), 400 meters intermediate hurdles (63.2 seconds), finished second in the 100-meter hurdles (14.4 seconds), and ran the first leg of the fourth place ranking mile relay team, which was absent quarter miler Roslyn Ross, who finished ahead of French in the 400 hurdles preliminaries and finished second to her in the finals with a time of 63.4 seconds.

Ross, who succumbed to food poisoning the evening of the mile relay finals, would have definitely been a link to a first place finish for the Lady Panthers. In the long jump, Ross finished eighth with a leap of 17ft. 1in., and was not able to compete in the finals of the 100-meter hurdles because of the food poisoning. Overall, she contributed 11 points.

Distance star Sharicka Jones finished third in the 800 meters (2minutes 18 seconds), sixth in the 5000 meters (20minutes 19 seconds),

third in the 1500 meters (5minutes 5 seconds), and ran a leg on the mile relay to contribute a total 16.25 points.

Danielle Shaw finished fifth in the 800 meters (2 minutes 25 seconds), ninth in the 5000 meters (22 minutes 15 seconds), sixth in the 1500 meters (5minutes 15 seconds), contributing seven points.

In the weight events, Latisha Taylor heaved 39 feet in the shot put and 123 feet in the discus, finishing third and fifth respectively. Natalie Eatmon heaved for 34 feet 3 inches, to finish eighth in the shot put. Between the two there was a combined total of 11 points.

The men's mile relay put on a spectacular show, as they almost doubled their mile relay gold fest, initiated at the indoor SWAC meet when they defeated Southern's mile relay by several seconds.

It would not become reality for Maurice Garrett, Eric McLemore, Dakari Jahi, and Shellie Dick, as they would have to settle for second place with a time of 3 minutes 10.1 seconds, to Southern's 3 minutes 9.7 seconds. Officials were supposed to have restarted the race, after Garrett slipped out of faulty starting blocks. The officials failing to call the race back was definitely an error on their part

that may have cost the Panthers four-tenths of a second and a mile relay indoor-outdoor championship double.

Milton Collins finished eighth in the 3000-meter steeplechase, with a time of 11 minutes 10.6 seconds. Dakari Jahi finished fifth in the 1500-meter run and was the conference champion in the 400-meter run, clocking 46.1 seconds, far off from the 45.45 he ran at the Pelican Relays one week before.

Triple jumper Eric-Chamel Gaither finished second with a leap of 47 feet 10 inches, while Kenneth Johnson finished second in the discus throw with 149 feet 3 inches and ninth in shot put. Robert Hargrove finished third in the shot put with a throw of 44 feet 11 inches and seventh in the hammer throw with 98 feet 9 inches; Hargrove also threw 133 feet 6 inches in the discus, finishing ninth. Joel LaChapelle and Gaither finished 13th and 14th in the discus, respectively.

Pole vaulter Keith Love cleared 14 feet, to win that competition.

The Panthers and Lady Panthers are now focused on winning NAIA championships, qualifying for the NCAA meet, the Junior Nationals team, the Olympic trials, and the Olympic team. Both squads look to be well represented during these summer track and field extravaganzas.

Many young coaches are eager to gain the success of this top-notch coach. What's her secret? Well, there isn't one. "Success does not happen overnight," Jacket assured, "It takes dedication and discipline—you've got to learn the steps." She also advises coaches to "not leave anything to chance."

Experience has showed her that when it comes to athletes, learning in the classroom is earning all the way around. "Let your team know that you did your best to put their educations first. When you put education first, those who pass in the class will pass on field of play. If you allow a child to participate and know he or she is not going to class, you are not giving that child a chance in life," she said.

Could these practices be the key to future goals of becoming an inductee into a hall of fame? Maybe.

But, what, if anything, could top that? Why, being an Olympic coach, of course. Ms. Jacket is only the second black female to hold this title. The irony, as she explained was that, "the first one, Dr. Nell Johnson, who coached the Olympics 20 years earlier, was my coach."

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# Spanish

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According to a brochure, an important part of the students' experience is living with a Mexican family. This provides you with real-life situations, not only in the language, but in the culture as well.

Falanda Limar, a senior biology major, went on the trip during the summer of 1995. "I thoroughly enjoyed the experience," said Limar. "I stayed with a nice family. The

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# McNair

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When pictures of the spouses were shown after the explosion, she was not in them and friends would often ask her why. Her response was, "I don't know why I'm not in the photo, because I was standing right next to the others."

It took her a few months after the explosion to realize that she was purposely being excluded. "I wasn't really sure [at first] if it was them or just something wrong with me."

McNair talked about some of the differences between the "white" media and the "Black" media. In an interview with, *CBS This Morning*, she commented on the lack of friendliness

she experienced. "When we got to the studio they treated Jane Smith (one of the other spouses), as if she was an old friend." When they got to her they became very formal and barely talked to her.

During the interview, McNair positioned herself in between the two host so she would be seen. However, when the interview began, the host skipped her altogether. When they finally got to her, they would ask her very general questions or break for a commercial. So McNair decided after the commercial break that no matter what question they asked her, she would talk about what she wanted to talk about.

"They tried to get me to stop talking but I didn't. It was the only way I could get to tell my story."

Recently she was asked to fly to New York to do a ten year anniversary special for NBC's, *Dateline*. "I interviewed with Jane Pauley for over two hours."

When the story finally aired, the families of the other astronauts were shown for the first fifteen minutes of the show. Mrs. McNair's story got about 7 seconds, 2 of which they showed the Challenger explosion as she talked.

She was also contacted by the *Houston Chronicle*. She did an interview with them and was told that her children would be on the front page. The story ran in the Jan. 28, edition. The children of another spouse were shown and of the seven families, hers was the only one not shown.

The *Ladies Home Journal* did do a write-up about McNair and her family, however, instead of posing them on the new furniture she had in her home, they positioned her and her children on the bare staircase along side of a portrait of her late husband. The photographer told her that it would be better if they wore casual clothes, even suggesting jeans and a T-shirt.

McNair talked about the differences in the treatment she receives from the "Black" media. She feels they give a fairer account, they ask interesting questions, use more pictures and give longer coverage.

When she interviewed with the *Houston News Pages*, she made the front page and had a detailed article written about her and her family.

McNair said that the exclusion by the general media does not make her feel good.

"Each of us has a story to tell. It is unfair to only tell one story. There's a difference." She feels African-Americans can surely identify with her husband's story of growing up poor and succeeding against all odds. I would like them [white media] to report it accurately and fairly."

Although McNair has now refused to do group interviews, she is still determined to tell her husband's story by speaking to various organizations.

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# Viewpoints

## No pity: Abdul-Rauf not justified in his actions during NBA game

By GENINE.  
Guest Columnist

I have no sympathy for Mr. Abdul-Rauf for his treatment by the NBA. Standing during the national anthem at a basketball game or any other game is not only tradition, but part of the game. I am sure Rauf knew this when he entered the NBA. If someone offers you a contract for \$26 million to play a game for a few months out of the year and part of the deal happens to entail standing during the national anthem, if you want the money, you have to play by the rules. Rauf should think about the "so-called" hypocritical America while he's pocketing America's "hypocritical" money.

This has nothing to do with

Constitutional rights. It has to do with the order of things; with rules. If you agree to something, then stick to it. Rauf knew the rules of the game, so to speak, when he joined the NBA. One cannot ignore the rules for such a reason as religion. If religion were so important to him, maybe he should have joined a religious order instead of a basketball league.

Yes, the Law of the United Nations gives all humans the right to self-determination, but this is a special circumstance. When he is not in a Nuggets uniform, Abdul-Rauf can do whatever his heart desires. However, when he is on NBA time and the NBA payroll, he becomes a part of a team. Self-determination has no part in a team effort. We all have the freedom of speech, but would a Communist in

the White House hand out Marxist literature to the cabinet? No, because he is voluntarily part of an organization that is paying him. On his free time, however, he can exercise his right to free expression.

The subsequent "destruction" of America is neither here nor there. If we (as in those of us who think our flag looks just fine) are so evil, Rauf should leave the NBA. I am sure there are thousands of youngsters who would be happy to take his place. If we are such an evil materialistic world power; if we hold a corner on the market for the exploitation of freedom, justice, equality, and wealth, then Intercontinental Airport is right down the tollway; I will be more than happy to escort you there myself.

## Dear Jaquita



Jaquita

Dear "Z",

First of all let me say, it was very immature of you to take out your problems on someone else. You can't use someone else as a scapegoat for your mistakes. Another thing your pitiful self image is what got you in this situation in the first place.

The image in which you see yourself and those that care about you are all that matters. The fact you caused another person's image to be tarnished is a totally ridiculous and self-centered. Since you, are the one who says that you care so much about your own image, why would you try and destroy someone else?

Living with a person causes you to see things you don't really want to. Because you assumed your roommate was gay and proceeded to ruin this person, instead of asking, you in turned caused a reaction that you never considered.

Have you heard that saying, 'God don't like ugly'? Well, it holds true in this situation. Wanting to apologize to your roommate will ease your mind, but the drama that you caused may not be rectified so easily.

Realize and understand that everything you do will in some way come back to you. It may not be today and it may not be tomorrow, but it will be soon.

Definitely try to contact your former roommate and apologize -- not to make yourself feel better, but because it is the right thing to do.

Dear Jaquita,

I am a freshman here from Chicago. At the beginning of this semester, I received a new roommate. This person was a good roommate as well as a friend. This person had a good personality as well as good skills. When my roommate moved in I thought that this person was gay. I then became very skeptical of this person. I later realized that there was no other indication that this person was gay. Recently, I encountered some personal problems and my image was in danger. I had to take my frustration out on someone. So, I lied on my roommate and made false accusations against this person and continued on my first endeavor to say that this person was gay. I did succeed in bringing up my image but I think I have destroyed this persons image and possibly destroyed this person as a whole. My former roommate has not only moved out, but has left this university altogether. I am scared for this persons well being and I want to apologize but I want to keep my image alive. **WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

Singed "Z"

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## Think-Before-You-Drink Week

By LORI WILLIAMS  
Panther staff

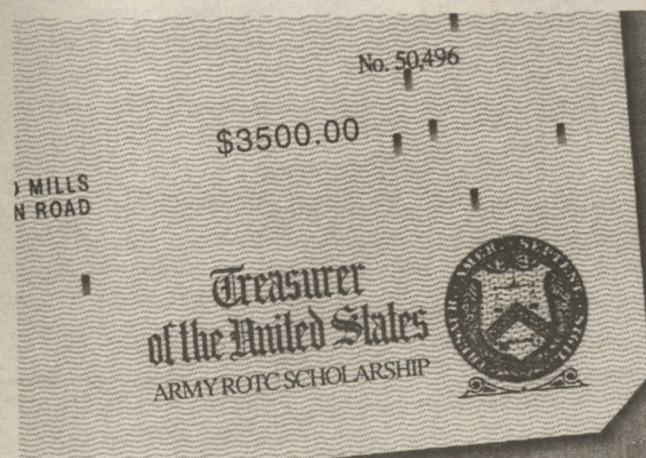
To keep Prairie View students aware of the deadly combination of alcohol and driving, the Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated kicked off the annual Spring Fest activities with "Think Before You Drink" week.

During the rally, which was held in front of Alumni during dinner, students were given a rude awakening to the dangers of drunk driving.

A car that had been involved in a alcohol-related accident was placed in the center walkway between Alumni and the water fountain. The car was a constant reminder of how deadly alcohol can be.

To symbolize the number of people killed by drunk drivers, the Ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha wore white t-shirts and jeans. They passed out purple and gold ribbons that read, "Just Say No! Think Before You Drink. Spring Fest 1996." Soros Keisha Conway and LaChelle Holland read current statistics on the number of students killed each year by drunk drivers.

To help in the fight against alcohol-related deaths, AKA's set up a table in the bottom of Alumni to collect donations for Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD).



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# What's tha Flava?

By George Spillman, Jr.

"All Eyes On Me"

Book 2

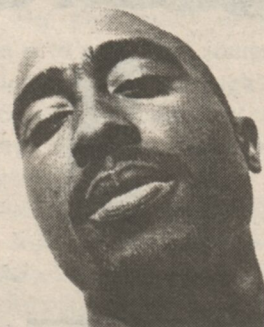
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Co-Producer: 2Pac

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2PAC

The second CD from 2 Pac's "All Eyes On Me", Book 2, has 15 songs making it one more song deeper than Book 1. Pac and his fellow Death Row inmates manage to serve up more of the same ghetto, thuggish, gangsta jams that they are famous for.

'Cant C Me' is a jam in which 2 Pac teams up with George Clinton for the mother of all rap/P-Funk fusion hits.

'Wonda Why They Call UB—ch' speaks to females that know they are not doing the right thing, but do whatever they want anyway. An uncredited Faith Evans sings the chorus on this one (which is quite ironic due to the current scandal involving herself, 2 Pac and the Notorious B.I.G.). D.J. Pooh flexed his production skills on 'When We Ride', which is a cut that features 2 Pac's partners in crime, the Outlaw Immortalz, who appeared on "Outlaw" from 2 Pac's last album "Me Against the World".

'I'd Rather Be With You', an old-school Bootsy Collins hit, is sampled on "Ratha Be Ya Aggin" which features Richie Rich and speaks to the ladies that have a thirst for "thug passion".

Pac keeps it real once again on 'Run Tha Streetz' which has a sample from Guy's 'Piece of My Love' and features Michel'le blowing the chorus. 'Aint Hard 2 Find' features West coast ghetto icons E-40, B-legit, C-Bo, and Richie Rich who came together to inform all "haters" that if they are looking trouble, it's not hard to find.

The song that I felt the most on either CD is "All Eyes On Me" which happens to be the album's title track. The song is about all the attention that is associated with fame and success. 2 Pac has re-evaluated from the clowning, flat topped, happy rapper of the Digital Underground to a controversial, bald-headed, bone hard thug almost overnight and he is still growing up, but then again, aren't we all!!

Stay Real

# The struggle for unity continues



Ann Harvey  
Editor-in-Chief

As the semester comes to the end and summer approaches us, it is time to reflect the past and ponder what to become of the future. Yes, the mistakes have been made, but no it's time to move and and figure out what you can do to make thenext semester better.

There are a number of issues I could have choose to talk about in this final issue of the paper, but with much encouragement I

feel I must address the on going battle with the student body and the football team.

It seem that lately every student activtiy on campus is either cancelled or disrupted by some member of the football team. I ask you, why? Is all the negative energy that is bulit up inside them suppose to be vented at a party instead of on the football field? Let's look at it logically, shall we. The student body is suppose to support the football team as well as Alumni, correct? So, why would you want to fight and have conflict with the people you look to for support? Not every fight or problem is caused bythe football team, but the fact still remains, either way were fighting each other. And when you fight yourself, you'll never win.

The sense of unity that this campus had at the beginning of the

semester was stupendous. Everyone was singing "Something Inside S Strong" and a sincere light o togetherness could be felt on every inch of hte campus. A new presiden with a bag full of toys like new dorms new food in Alumni, and one of th greatest accomplishments this year athletic scholarships had come along to make PV just a little bit better. S what happened? The future look s bright and yet all at once the spirit wa gone and the fights began. Life is wha you make it. PrairieView A&M University is what you make it. Leavin here and not experieneing some typ of togetherness, whether it be in a organization, or with close firends, th whole college experience for you ma be lost.

So, I challenge you to be mor of a student body and not just students. On that note I wish you all a very saf and properous summer.

# "Shin-digs" and scholars don't mix

By BURL HARRIS  
Managing Editor

For those of you who can be honest with yourselves, consider the amount of time you apply to social studies. Yes, ladies, I am referring to the type of social studies in which you want to call your homegirl, Shafondala and tell her the latest gossip. Gentlemen, I am referring to the type of social studies in which you call Lester and argue him down about who should have won last's nights SuperNES TechmoBowl tournament.

Let's not focus mainly on the parties, shin-digs, and other outlets of relaxation. For those upper-classmen, like myself, who have used their first few semesters

here as a time for parties, "shin-digs", and other outlets of relaxation, the time has come to focus your attention on studies and graduation.

Students should become more noticeable in their departments and begin to market themselves to teachers, organizations, and prospective employers. If students are sitting on top of a GPA that they would like to remain covered, then next semester they should make sure they do all that they can to talk about a GPA they can be proud of.

Instead of being so concerned about how lame the school has become "party-wise"

let's see if we can become conscious of our academics and making P.V. a university that graduates the top number of all majors and not just engineering. The time is now for those who want to join honor societies and other organizations to plan out study schedules and make steps in order to become a part of them.

For those who have attempted to prepare for graduation by applying for internships and cooperative programs and didn't receive any, don't feel disgraced. Feel good about making an attempt to further your career endeavors and expect to land a job next year.

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